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For: FLOW CONTROL VALVE

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

The Notice of Allowability issued in connection with this application is accompanied by an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. The Statement notes that the prior art does not disclose a "flow control valve having a spring retaining portion (3) sealed between a bonnet and a main body (1) that supports a spring (24) with the spring contacting a lower surface of a piston (4)."

It is understood that the comments in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance are not intended as a verbatim statement of the claimed subject matter set forth in the allowed claims of this application. In this regard, it is noted that the allowed claims in this application do not actually set forth the particular wording stated in the Reasons for Allowance. For example, the claims do not specifically recite the spring retaining portion sealed between the bonnet and the main body.

Thus, this paper is being filed simply to clarify the record on this point and note that the comments in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be

understood to imply that the allowed claims in this application recite anything different than that which the claims themselves set forth.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this matter or if the Examiner disagrees in any way with any of the observations set forth above, the Examiner is kindly asked to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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